# State Board of Review Meeting National Register of Historic Places South Carolina Department of Archives and History State Historic Preservation Office

# Minutes of the July 23, 2021 Meeting

The State Board of Review meeting was held in the Wachovia room of the South Carolina Archives and History Center, 8301 Parklane Road, in Columbia, South Carolina.

## **Members Present**

Mr. William L. Kinney, Jr. (Chair), Dr. J. Edward Lee (Vice-Chair), Mr. Derek Gruner, Ms. Dawn Dawson-House, Dr. A. V. Huff, Jr., Dr. Kathryn Silva Hyde, Mr. Christopher Judge, Dr. Karen Y. Smith, and Ms. Patricia Lowe Smith.

# **Members Absent**

Ms. Cynthia Cole Jenkins.

### Call to Order

Mr. Kinney called the meeting to order at 10:32 A.M. and welcomed everyone in attendance.

## **Introduction of Board Members**

Each of the board members were invited to introduce themselves. Each member stated their name and professional affiliations.

# **Approval of Minutes**

The members received the minutes of the March 19, 2021, meeting by mail (or e-mail) in the packets prior to the meeting. Dr. Lee made a motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Mr. Judge. The motion was approved unanimously.

## Remarks

Mr. Kinney invited Dr. W. Eric Emerson, director of the Department of Archives and History and State Historic Preservation Officer, to offer remarks. Dr. Emerson welcomed attendees to the South Carolina Archives and History Center and thanked them for being present at the meeting, which was the first in-person State Review Board meeting since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. Dr. Emerson thanked SHPO staff and the Review Board members for the flexibility over the last year in accommodating the virtual setup of the past several meetings. He explained some of the functions of the State Historic Preservation Office and Department of Archives and History and invited all in attendance to visit a new exhibit in the Archives exhibit hall after the meeting, entitled, "Black Carolinians Speak: Portraits of a Pandemic."

Mr. Kinney thanked Dr. Emerson for his remarks and also thanked staff for their work in setting up for today's meeting, which included socially distanced seating. Mr. Kinney then welcomed Ms. Elizabeth M. Johnson, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, for remarks and asked her to introduce staff members. Ms. Johnson welcomed attendees and introduced Mr. Brad Sauls, Supervisor of Survey, Registration, Grants, and Local Government Programs, as well as the National Register staff present, Dr. Edwin Breeden and Ms. Virginia Harness. Ms. Johnson also noted other SHPO staff in attendance: Mr. Dan Elswick, Senior Historic Architecture Consultant, and Mr. Christopher Tenny, Historic Architecture Consultant.

# **Explanation of Procedure**

Mr. Kinney outlined the procedure that would follow for considering each of the nominations, explaining that presenters would have five minutes for each nomination, to be followed by statements and comments from visitors; questions from board members; uninterrupted board discussion; and a board decision.

### **Consideration of Nominations**

Beginning at 10:40, the following nominations were considered:

- 1. Aiken County Hospital (Aiken, Aiken County) was presented by the preparer, Ms. Jane Campbell, of Rogers, Lewis, Jackson, Mann & Quinn, LLC. Ms. Harness noted that a letter of support for this nomination had been received from the City of Aiken Design Review Board. At Mr. Judge's request, Ms. Campbell clarified the age of the previous hospital that operated on the site and the reasons it was replaced by the nominated property. Mr. Gruner made a motion, seconded by Ms. Patricia Lowe Smith, for approval of the nomination at the local level of significance. The Board approved the motion unanimously.
- 2. **South Carolina Railroad (Aiken, Aiken County)** was presented by one of the preparers, Mr. Tom French of the Friends of the Best Friend. Ms. Harness noted that a letter of support for this nomination had been received from the City of Aiken Design Review Board. Mr. Judge made a motion, seconded by Dr. Lee, for approval of the nomination at the national level of significance. The Board approved the motion unanimously.
- 3. Robert Mills Manor (Charleston, Charleston County) was presented by the preparer, Ms. Lannie Kittrell of Brockington and Associates, Inc. Ms. Harness noted that a letter of support had been received for this nomination from Mayor John Tecklenburg on behalf of the City of Charleston. Mr. Judge asked what was the basis for believing the site to have archaeological potential. Ms. Kittrell noted that early city maps indicate that the same site was previously a burial ground. Ms. Smith made a motion, seconded by Dr. Smith, for approval of the nomination at the local level of significance. The Board approved the motion unanimously.

- 4. Philip C. Heiden House (Lake City, Florence County) was presented by the preparer, Mr. Kalen McNabb of Meadors, Inc. Mr. Rusty Gaskins, the property's owner, was in attendance and expressed his thanks and excitement for the nomination's consideration. Ms. Patricia Lowe Smith noted the horizontal wood railing shown in a photograph was no longer extant and asked if anything had replaced it. Mr. McNabb said it had not been replaced and could likely be recreated in the future. Mr. Gruner praised the nomination and expressed interest in the Heiden family's decision to choose an unusual style for their home while being relative outsiders as Jewish immigrants in Lake City. Mr. Judge also complimented the quality of the presentation, particularly the photographs of the Heiden family that Mr. McNabb included. Mr. Gruner asked if the owner planned to renovate the home, which Mr. McNabb confirmed. Ms. Dawson-House made a motion to approve the nomination at the local level of significance, seconded by Mr. Gruner. The Board approved the motion unanimously.
- 5. Colonial Village (Columbia, Richland County) was presented by the preparer, Ms. Jane Campbell, of Rogers, Lewis, Jackson, Mann & Quinn, LLC. Ms. Harness noted that a letter of support for this nomination had been received from Mayor Stephen Benjamin on behalf of the City of Columbia. Dr. Silva Hyde made a motion to approve the nomination at the local level of significance, seconded by Dr. Smith. The Board approved the motion unanimously.
- 6. Holman's Barber Shop (Columbia, Richland County) was presented by Ms. Virginia Harness of the State Historic Preservation Office. The preparer, Caitlin Cutrona, a former graduate student at the University of South Carolina, was unable to attend. Ms. Harness noted that a letter of support for this nomination had been received from Mayor Stephen Benjamin on behalf of the City of Columbia. During the public comment segment, Calvernetta Beasley Williams noted that her father, Columbia funeral director A.P. Williams, was a regular customer of the barber shop and that their families were close friends. Mr. Gruner asked what plans there were for the property's future use and asked how the bottom floor of the building had historically been used. Ms. Harness said that the Holman family still owned the property but was unsure what, if any plans they had for it going forward. She also noted that the preparer had notified the family of the nomination and that they were in support. Responding to a follow-up question from Mr. Gruner, she noted the building was not currently in use. Mr. Judge praised the nomination and said it reflected well on the quality of work done by students in the University of South Carolina's public history program. Ms. Smith made a motion to approve the nomination at the local level of significance, seconded by Ms. Dawson-House. The Board approved the motion unanimously.
- 7. **Saluda Apartments (Columbia, Richland County)** was presented by the preparer, Ms. Jane Campbell, of Rogers, Lewis, Jackson, Mann & Quinn, LLC. Ms. Harness noted that a letter of support for this nomination had been received from Mayor Stephen Benjamin on behalf of the City of Columbia. Mr. Gruner made a motion to approve the nomination at the local level of significance, seconded by Dr. Smith. The Board approved the motion unanimously.

8. Zion Baptist Church (Columbia, Richland County) was presented by Ms. Kathy Hope of the Historic Ministry of Zion Baptist Church. Ms. Harness noted that a letter of support for this nomination had been received from Mayor Stephen Benjamin on behalf of the City of Columbia. Ms. Hope acknowledged several guests from the church who were in attendance: Agnes Hardison, Letitia Hope, Calvernetta Beasley Williams, and the church pastor, Rev. Dr. M. Andrew Davis. Dr. Lee praised the quality of the presentation and expressed interest in how the parsonage was eventually incorporated into the church building. Dr. Huff recalled visiting the church several times in the 1960s for rallies related to school desegregation. Mr. Gruner asked if the church was in contact with Dr. Bobby Donaldson of the University of South Carolina, and Ms. Hope confirmed they were working with him on future projects related to the church's history. Dr. Lee made a motion to approve the nomination at the local level of significance, seconded by Ms. Dawson-House. The Board approved the motion unanimously.

# **Other Business**

Mr. Kinney then announced the following upcoming Review Board meeting dates:

The fall 2021 meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 19, 2021. The spring 2022 meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 18, 2022. The summer 2022 meeting is scheduled for Friday, July 22, 2022.

# Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Kinney asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Judge made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Smith. The meeting adjourned at 11:48 A.M.